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Crochet Pony Pattern

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When I was a kid, I used to collect My Little Ponies and build elaborate stories with them. I was totally thrilled to see My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic and the new fandom that’s sprung up around it, but I was stunned to see how expensive custom pony plushies could be. This made me sad, as I remember picking up ponies for a quarter at garage sales and thus always having a large enough cast to stage a musical, play a roleplaying game, or go on other adventures.

This pattern is intended to be my gift to the community: a free pattern inspired by the MLP:FiM designs. I hope everyone can get their own custom pony for cheap!

My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic is owned by Hasbro. Please support the show by buying their merchandise as well! If you want to thank me, I can’t take donations, but I would love it if you donated something to Child’s Play, a charity that I think most bronies will appreciate that provides games to sick kids. http://childsplaycharity.org/ (or do both: buy licensed ponies for sick kids!)

But the best present is seeing what people make, so please share your creations with me and others! https://twitter.com/terriko || http://terriko.deviantart.com/ || http://www.flickr.com/photos/terrio/ || terri@zone12.com

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- You link this pattern (thus crediting me) when you post pictures, etc. of your creations. I want everyone to have a chance to make custom ponies!
- If you make modifications of this pattern, you should share them with others.
- You may not sell this pattern or any modifications thereof.
- You can not sell ponies created with this pattern unless you get in touch with me to get an exception. You can give them to friends and strangers, though!
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Materials:
- Some yarn
- Stuffing (I use old pillow polyfil)
- Embroidery thread, felt, markers, etc. for eyes and cutie mark (I haven’t done these yet but people were asking for the pattern and I didn’t want to delay any longer!)

Tools:
- crochet hook
- yarn needle

I tried this with a variety of yarns and hook sizes. If you want a recommendation, I liked Caron Simply Soft with a size G (4.25) hook.

Head:
0: 6sc in a magic ring (6)
1-2: sc in each stitch (6) (this makes the nose)
3: increase in each stitch (12)
4: {increase in first stitch, sc in next stitch} 6 times (18)
5: {increase in first stitch, sc in next 5} 3 times (21)
6-9: sc in each stitch around (21)
10: {decrease first, sc in next 5} 3 times (18)
11: {decrease first, sc in next stitch} 6 times (12)
Stuff head
12: decrease around and finish off. You can tuck the end in since it won't be used for fastening later.

Note: For a smaller head and more princess-like or real horse proportions, go only to 18 rather than 21 stitches.

Alternate Head:
This is the asymmetric version, where the nose goes along the line of bottom of the head and the result is a little less round.
0: 6sc in a magic ring (6)
1-2: sc in each stitch (6)
3: increase in first 4 stitches, sc in next two (10)
4: {increase in first stitch, sc in next stitch} 4 times, sc in each of the next 2 stitches (14)
5: {sc in first stitch, increase in next stitch, sc in next stitch} 4 times, sc in each of the next 2 stitches (18)
6: {sc in first stitch, increase in next stitch, sc in next two stitches} 3 times, sc in last stitches (21)
7-9: sc in each stitch around (21)
10: {decrease first, sc in next 5} 3 times (18)
11: {decrease first, sc in next stitch} 6 times (12)
Stuff head
12: decrease around and finish off. You can tuck the end in since it won't be used for fastening later.

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Ears (make 2):
0: 6sc in a magic ring, pull tight to and fold a little to make an ear shape.

Body:
0: 6sc in a magic ring (6)
1: increase in each stitch (12)
2: {increase in first stitch, sc in next two stitches} 6 times (16)
3-5: sc in each stitch (16)
6: {decrease first, sc in next two stitches} 6 times (12)
7: {increase in first stitch, sc in next 3 stitches} 3 times (15)
8: {increase in first stitch, sc in next 4 stitches} 3 times (18)
9-10: sc in each stitch (18)
11: {decrease first, sc in next stitch} 6 times (12)
Stuff
12: decrease around (6)

Front Foot (make 2):
0: 6sc in a magic ring (6)
1: {increase in first stitch, sc in next stitch} 3 times (9)
2: sc in each stitch (9)
3: {decrease first, sc in next stitch} 3 times (6)
4-5: sc in each stitch (6)
6: increase in first stitch, sc in next 5 (7)
Stuff firmly (so she’ll be able to stand up)

Hind Foot (make 2):
0: 6sc in a magic ring (6)
1: {increase in first stitch, sc in next stitch} 3 times (9)
2: sc in each stitch (9)
3: {decrease in first, sc in next stitch} 3 times (6)
4-5: sc in outside (front) loop for the first 3 stitches, sc in last 3 (6)
6-7: sc in inside (back) loop for the first 3 stitches, sc in last 3 (6)
Stuff firmly, making sure to create the back leg shape

Wings (make 2): (optional)
0: ch 9, turn (9)
1: skip first ch and sc in each stitch across, ch1, turn (8sc)
2: in back loops only, sc in next 6 stitches (skip first chain), ch2, turn (6sc)
3: skip first chain, sc in each ch and sc across, ch1, turn (7sc)
4: in back loops only, sc in next 4 stitches (skip first chain), ch2, turn (4sc)
5: skip first chain, sc in each ch and sc across, finish off (5sc)
Use front loops rather than back loops for the second wing.
Gather the wing together at base. You may want to tie the two yarn ends together before sewing to body.
Neck:
0: ch 9 (not a magic ring! We want her neck not to taper overmuch.)
1: sc in first chain (e.g. Make a loop out of the ch) and sc in each around to make a cylinder
2: continue going around, sc in each ch
Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing

Horn: (Optional, via my friend Marlene – I haven’t tried it yet)
R1: 4 sc in a magic ring
R2: sc in each stitch around (4)
R3: {increase in the first stitch, sc in the next stitch} 2 times (6)
R4 – R5: sc in each stitch around (6)
Finish off and stuff excess yarn into the horn to give it shape

Sew the pony together, making sure you’ve stuffed her legs firmly enough for her to stand.
Attach her mane and tail:

- For the tail, I cut a bunch of pieces of yarn to the same length, then tie a piece of yarn in the body colour around the center. This piece of yarn can then be threaded through the top of her rump so that you can pull the tail in a bit and sew the center thread back and forth a few times to attach the tail firmly. You can hide knots right under her tail.
- For the mane, I loop individual strands along the back of her neck and top of her head. Looping rather than tying knots makes her mane lie more flat, but knots are recommended if this toy is to be given to children.
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For Fluttershy, I used jewelry wire to hold her hair in its twisted shape. For Derpy, I used a mohair yarn to get something that looked more hair-like. One of these days, I’d love to try felting the pony and then attaching doll hair to get something that looks much more show-accurate! And eventually I’ll have versions with eyes and cutie marks complete: watch my Flickr stream http://www.flickr.com/photos/terrio/ DeviantArt http://terriko.deviantart.com/ and my blog http://terriko.dreamwidth.org/ for pictures of those when they get done!

And with that, I leave you with a few final pictures of Fluttershy. I hope you enjoy the pattern and I’d love to see what you create using it!

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